

A U S T I N C I T Y C O U N C I L

AGENDA



Thursday, December 14, 2006

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**Health and Human Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

ITEM No 5

Subject Authorize execution of 9-month contracts for the purchase of evidence-based services to the 78744 Youth of Promise Initiative Community Development Program between the City and the following agencies COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS, CENTRAL TEXAS, Austin, TX, in an amount not to exceed \$53,364 32, with two 12-month renewal options, in an amount not to exceed \$71,152 43 per renewal option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$195,669 17, WORKERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, Austin, TX, in an amount not to exceed \$59,681 00, with two 12-month renewal options, in an amount not to exceed \$79,574 67 per renewal option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$218,830 33, RIVER CITY YOUTH FOUNDATION, Austin, TX, in an amount not to exceed \$66,895 00, with two 12-month renewal options, in an amount not to exceed \$89,193 33 per renewal option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$245,281 66

Amount and Source of Funding Funding in the amount of \$179,940 32 is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department Special Revenue Fund The initial contract period will be December 1, 2006 - August 31, 2007 The agreements run concurrent with the grant period Funding for renewal options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets

Fiscal Note There is no unanticipated fiscal impact A fiscal note is not required

Additional Backup Material

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**YD -- 78744 FY07
CONTRACTS**

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Prior Council Action Approval of Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget on September 11, 2006

CYD – 78744 FY07 CONTRACTS

Background

The 78744 Youth of Promise Initiative Community Youth Development (CYD) Program, formerly known as Southeast Austin Community Youth Development (SEACYD), has been funded since 1996 by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (TDFPS). The goal of the Initiative is to prevent juvenile crime through the provision of evidence-based prevention and remediation programs in the Southeast Austin 78744 zip code area. The evidence-based programs authorized by TDFPS have been proven to be effective in preventing juvenile crime and are intensive in nature, serving smaller numbers of youth and families than traditional prevention programs. For the purpose of CYD programs, evidence-based services are defined by initial evidence, which includes published studies and research and by ongoing evidence, including a provider's documented success (formal evaluation) in meeting the performance measures established for the CYD program.

Request for Applications (RFA) was issued on September 10, 2006. There were four (4) applications to provide services in three of the four designated priority areas of the RFA. All were submitted by the prescribed date and time deadline. Each of the four applications was recommended for funding by the CYD Community Collaborative Review Sub-Committee, comprised of five (5) members (*51% community residents from the 78744, community leaders, and the Youth Advisory Committee*). The fourth program, "Parents as Teachers," is not eligible because TDFPS declared that CYD funds could not be used for parenting programs.

The recommended awards are as follows:

<u>Funding Priority</u>	<u>Award Recommendations</u>	
After school Programs	Communities in Schools	\$53,364.32
	Worker's Assistance Program	\$59,681.00
Counseling Programs	River City Youth Foundation	\$66,895.00
TOTAL		\$179,940.32

Related Goals

The overall goal is to positively influence the lives of children and youth in the 78744 zip code area, to enhance their critical development, and alleviate family conditions that may lead to juvenile crime. Priority Categories have been established for evidence-based programs that address at-risk, disconnected, and all youth who live in, and/or attend school in the 78744 zip code area. In accordance with the 78744 2005-2006 Needs Assessment, and as prioritized by the 78744 CYD Collaborative Committee, the following programs will receive funds under this grant:

Communities in Schools (\$56,364.32) The funds will support delivery of the evidence-based after-school program "Say It Straight" for youth, ages 11 – 15, in the 78744 zip code area.

Performance Measures

Outputs

Number of unduplicated youth served – 54
Completed asset questionnaires – 60%
Completed satisfaction questions – 60%

Outcomes

Prevent juvenile crime delinquency – 85%
CYD participants perceive program as effective – 80%
Students will show improvement in at-risk behavior and decision-making – 60%

Workers Assistance Program (\$59,681.00) These funds will contribute to the delivery of the evidence-based after-school program "Strengthening Families Program For Parents and Youth" to youth, ages 10-14, and their families in the 78744 zip code area.

Performance Measures

Outputs

Number of unduplicated youth served – 72 youth / 54 families
Completed asset questionnaires – 60%
Completed satisfaction questionnaires – 60%
Provide 3 cycles of 7-week educational/skill building sessions to youth and families – 100%

Recruit and enroll 2 cohorts of participants per cycle - 100%

Outcomes

Prevent juvenile crime delinquency – 85%

CYD participants perceive program as effective – 80%

Students will show improvement in at-risk behavior and decision-making – 60%

River City Youth Foundation (\$66,895 00) These funds will support the delivery of the evidence based counseling program, ‘ Creating Lasting Family Connections’ to youth ages 10 - 17 and their families in the 78744 zip code area

Performance Measures

Outputs

Number of youth served – 65

Asset questionnaires completed -- 60%

Outcomes

(a) Prevent juvenile crime/delinquency

Reduce antisocial, violent and deviant behavior – 70%,

(b) Increase parent resiliency 70%,

(c) Increase youth resiliency 80%,